

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

By Pinion

A RESOLUTION to commend John Winnett for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, John Winnett is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Chairman Phillip Pinion, Vice Chairman Frank Buck, Secretary George Fraley, and the entire House Transportation Committee; Mr. Winnett's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of David and Sherry Winnett of Hartsville, he is a student at Cumberland University, where he is highly regarded by his peers; he has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and maintains a 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in numerous extracurricular activities throughout his collegiate career; he is a member and President of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and he also serves as an umpire; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Winnett brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; he has also worked with the House Judiciary, Commerce, and Agriculture Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winnett realized rather early that he was outnumbered from a political standpoint on the House Transportation Committee, but he managed to argue politics with Research Analyst Greg Adkins without being decimated; and

WHEREAS, his truck has the worst karma of any inanimate object; it has nearly been towed, was broken into, and was damaged in the violent storms of May 5, 2003; should he not get rid of this vehicle, as has been advised by a number of his peers, it will surely break him financially or physically; and

WHEREAS, renowned for being unable to find a parking space, he has spent numerous dollars paying off parking tickets received at Metro Manor, and he talked a police officer out of towing his truck one fine morning; and

WHEREAS, the most vital thing Mr. Winnett learned as an intern was the unknown and secret routes to various shopping and eating establishments; and

WHEREAS, he moved twice during his internship--from Lebanon to Nashville and back again to Lebanon--and has continuously fought with the Nashville Electric Service regarding turning his electricity on and off; and

WHEREAS, during his time on Capitol Hill, he was most upset to learn that his bad luck at the Sheraton had continued; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winnett was voted "Most Likely To Run For Office" by his fellow interns; and

WHEREAS, he is one of 14 students from across the United States to be chosen for an upcoming internship with the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C., and one of only four students who were chosen to serve as Congressional Assistants in the program; and

WHEREAS, John Winnett has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend John Winnett for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representatives Phillip Pinion, Frank Buck, and George Fraley, and the House Transportation Committee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.